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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF

GROTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

1953

Annual Reports

of the

Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer,

Road Agents, School Board and

Other Officials

of the

Town of Groton

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

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Town Officers for 1953

Moderator ..... Agnes A. Lane
Town Clerk ..... Ileene A. Matthews
Selectmen Frederick I. Taylor, Edgar C. McClellan
Webster D. Tibbetts
Road Agent, South End .... Ernest E. Matthews
Road Agent, North End ..... Lucien M. Parris
Snow Removal ..... Ernest E. Matthews
Treasurer ..... Ileene A. Matthews
Tax Collector ..... Annie M. Esty
Land Agents ..... Selectmen
Librarian ..... Agnes A. Lane
Police ..... Lewis Albert
Overseer of Poor ..... Edythe M. Newton
Health Officer ..... Frederick I. Taylor
Auditors ..... Flora Matthews, Zelma Watts
School Board .. Annie M. Esty, Flora Matthews
Mabel Brown
School District Clerk and Treasurer . Ileene Matthews
Trustee of Trust Funds ..... Frederick I. Taylor
Library Trustees Flora Matthews, Ileene Matthews
Charles F. Place
Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, Bark and Fence Viewers:
Lucien Parris, Perley Matthews
Janitor ..... Edgar C. McClellan
Constable ..... Lucien M. Parris
Fire Warden ..... Ernest E. Matthews
Deputy Wardens ..... Floyd H. Colby,
Carroll G. Matthews, Edgar J. Albert

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Town House in said Groton on Tuesday the ninth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount for prompt payment of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50 to the Newfound Region Chamber of Commerce.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to maintain the recreation area and beach at Spectacle Pond.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $198.03 for Town Road Aid, the State to contribute $1320.17

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1000.00 to be used for constructing, reconstructing, and surfacing the road from North Groton to Dorchester, commonly known as the Cheever Road. This has been requested by the State Highway Commissioner.

9. To see if the Town will vote to earmark $200.00 of each Road Agent's appropriation, to be spent not sooner than October of each year.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1000.00 to tar and resurface the so-called College Road leading from South Groton to Dorchester, as far as the School House and as much farther as the road can be prepared and fitted for tar within the limits of this appropriation.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money sufficient for the remaining items of the budget.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty four.

WEBSTER D. TIBBETTS,
EDGAR C. McCLELLAN,
Selectmen of Groton

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

EDGAR C. McCLELLAN,
WEBSTER D. TIBBETTS,
Selectmen of Groton

1954 BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954, Compared With Actual Revenues and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, to December 31, 1953

Sources of Revenue	Actual 1953	Estimated 1954
From State:		
Savings Bank Tax	$ 9.04	9.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands	32.60	32.60
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	851.93	850 00
For Fighting Forest Fires	16.89	50.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	59.40	60.00
Interest on Taxes and Deposits	57.30	60 00
Highway Dept. Rentals	386.00	400.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	452.62	400.00
Cash Surplus	8,473.86	
From Local Sources Other Than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes	84.00	100.00
Total Revenue from all Sources Except Property Taxes	$ 13,107.14	16,637.12

Purpose of Expenditures	Actual 1953	Estimated 1954
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries $	764.70	1,00000
Town Officers' Expenses	498.43	500.00
Election and Registration Exp.	49.00	200.00
Expenses Town Buildings	85.80	100.00
Protection of Persons and Property·		
Police Department	15.00	20.00
Fire Department	81.00	300.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust	200.00	
Civil Defense		50.00
Health:		
Health Department, inc. Hosp.	2.00	25.00
Vital Statistics	1.50	5.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance, Summer	2,131.22	2,000.00
Town Maintenance, Winter	1,456.79	1,750.00
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.	637.06	600.00
Town Road Aid	194.97	198.03
Library	450.00	200.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	00	50.00
Old Age Assistance	829.79	800.00
Recreation:		
Parks and Playgrounds	300.00	100.00

Unclassified:

Damage and Legal Expenses		50.00
Advertising and Regional Associations		50.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Construction		1,000.00
State Aid Const., Town's share	1,500.00	1,000.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

County Taxes	972.63	972.63
School Taxes	4,686.38	5,666.46
Tota' Expenditures	**$ 14,857.27**	**16,637.12**

SUMMARY INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings	$	208,690.00
Electric Plants		206.070.00
Horses, 21		1,520.00
Oxen, 2		200.00
Cows, 18		2,740.00
Sheep and Goats 7		70.00
Hogs, 19,,		380.00
Fowl, 2,460		1,850.00
Vehicles, 1		400.00
Boats, 8		100.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 2		130.00
Stock in trade		1,000.00
Mills and Machinery		2,000.00
TOTAL VALUATION	$	425,150.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions		8,650.00
Tax Rate is Computed on	$	416,400.00
Number of Inventories Distributed		146
Number of Inventories Returned		83
Number of Veterans who Received Exemption		12
Number of Veterans Exempted from Poll Tax		9

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

EDGAR C. McCLELLAN,
WEBSTER D. TIBBETTS
Selectmen

COMPARATIVE

OF APPROPRIATIONS

Fiscal Year Ending

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation Total Available
Town Officers' Salaries	$.1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	400.00
Election and Registration	100.00
Town Hall Expense	100.00
Police Department	20.00
Fire Department	300.00
Blister Rust Moth Extermination	200.00
Health Department	25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
State Aid Construction	1,500.00
Town Road Aid	194.97
Town Maintenance, Summer	2,000.00
Town Maintenance, Winter	1,750.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	500.00
Library	450.00
Old Age Assistance	700.00
Town Poor	50.00
Parks and Playgrounds	300,00
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00
County Tax	972.63
Payments to School District	4,686.38
Totals	$ 15,303.98
Net Unexpended Balance Over Overdrafts	614.71

STATEMENT

AND EXPENDITURES

December 31, 1953

Expenditures	Balance Unexpended	Overdraft
764.70	235.30	
498.43		98.43
49.00	51.00	
85.80	14.20	
15.00	5.00	
81.00	219.00	
** 33.00	167.00	
2.00	23,00	
1.50	3.50	
1,500.00		
194.97		
2,131.22		131.22
1,456.79	293.21	
637.06		137.06
450.00		
829.79		129.79
	50.00	
300.00		
	50.00	
972.63		
4,686..38		
14,689.27	1,111.21	496.50
** State Refunded		$ 167.00

APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	100.00
Town Hall	100.00
Police Department	20.00
Fire Department	300.00
Blister Rust Moth Extermination	200.00
Health Department	25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
State Aid Construction	1,500.00
Town Road Aid	194.97
Town Maintenance, Summer	2,000.00
Town Maintenance, Winter	1,750.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	500.00
Libraries	450.00
Old Age Assistance	700.00
Town Poor	50.00
Parks and Playgrounds	300,00
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00
County Tax	972 63
School Tax	4,686.38
Total Town and School Appropriations	**$ 15,303.98**

Less Estimated Credits:

Savings Bank Tax	7.54	
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	35.88	
Reimbursemeent a/c Growing Wood and Timber	1,373.88	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	200.00	
Dog Licenses	34.80	
Rent of Town Property	500.00	
Interest on Taxes	60.00	
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	1,000.00	
Total Revenues and Credits		**3,212.10**
		$ 12,091.88
Plus Overlay		512.97
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		12,604.85
Less 55 Polls at $2.00		110.00
Amount to be Raised on which Tax Rate is Figured		12,494.85

Taxes to be Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	$ 12,494.85	
Poll Taxes at $2.00	110.00	
Total Taxes to be Committed		**$ 12,604.85**
Tax Rate	**$ 3.00**	

Town of Groton	Assets
Cash:	
In hands of Treasurer	$ 11,343.21
Capital Reserve Funds-for Post War Project	608.54
Accounts Due to Town:	
Due from State:	
Joint Highway Construction Account	14,974.00
Loss of Taxes on Public Forest Lands	32.60
Bounties	58.25
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1952	457.76
Levy of 1951	253.49
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1953	1,977.06
Levy of 1952	3.65
Levy of 1951	1.50
Previous Years	11.84
State Head Taxes-Levy of 1953	130.00
State Head Taxes-Previous Years	3.00
Total Assets	$ 29,854.90

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Net Surplus December 31, 1952	5,565.98
Net Surplus December 31, 1953	8,473.86
Increase of Surplus	2,907.88

Town of Groton		Liabilities
Accounts Owed by Town:		
State Head Taxes Uncollected, 1953		133.00
State and Town Joint Construction Account:		
Unexpended Balance in Town Treasury		14.974.00
Unexpended Balance in Town Treasury		5,665.50
Capital Reserve Funds		608.54
Total Liabilities	$	21,381.04
Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Surplus)		8,473.86
GRAND TOTAL	$	29,854.90

Town of Groton		Receipts
From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes, Current Year	$	10,461.20
Poll Taxes, Current Year, regular at $2		60.00
Yield Taxes, 1953		379.20
State Head Taxes at $5.00		185.00
Total Current Year's Taxes Collected	$	11,085.40
Property and Yield Taxes, Previous Years		1,544.28
Poll Taxes, Previous years, regular at $2		24.00
State Head Taxes, Previous years		102.00
Interest Received on Taxes		57.30
Penalties on State Head Taxes		10.00
Tax Sales Redeemed		290.13
From State:		
Plowing Roads		386.00
Saving Bank Tax		9.04
Reimbursement-State & Federal Forest Lands		35.88
Reimbursement-Exemption Growing Wood and Timber		851.93
Fighting Forest Fires		16.89

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	59.40
Rent of Town Property	89.10
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1953 permits	452.62
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:	
Insurance Adjustment	8.50
Sale of Town Property	2,683.50
Refund, White Pine Blister Rust	167.00
Total Receipts from all Sources	$ 17.872.97
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1953	9,514.65
GRAND TOTAL	$ 27,387.62

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Town of Groton	**Payments**
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	
General Government:	
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 764.70
Town Officers' Expenses	498.43
Election and Registration Expense	49.00
Expenses Town Buildings	85.80
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police	15.00
Fire Department	81 00
Bounties	58.25
Health and Sanitation:	
Vital Statistics	1.50
Health Officer	2.00
Highways and Bridges:	
Town Road Aid	194.97
Town Maintenance, Summer	2,131.22
Town Maintenance, Winter	1,456.79
General Expense of Highway Department	637.06

Library:	
Library Maintenance	450.00
Public Welfare:	
Old Age Assistance	829.79
Recreation:	
Parks and Playgrounds	300.00
Unclassified:	
Refund of taxes abated	16.00
Taxes bought by Town	408.84
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
Payments to School District	6,486.38
State Head Taxes	405.05
County Tax	972.63
Blister Rust Control	200.00
Total Payments for all Purposes	$ 16,044.41
Cash on Hand December 31 1953	11,343.21
GRAND TOTAL	27,387.62

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land and Buildings	$ 1,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	200.00
Library, Land and Equipment	1,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Fire Department Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	1,000.00
Equipment	4,500.00
School, Land and Buildings	2,200.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Total	$ 12,700.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:	
Ileene Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer	$ 110.00
Frederick I. Taylor, Selectman	175.00
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector	180.10
Agnes A. Lane, Moderator	5.60
Edythe M. Newton, Overseer of Poor	25.00
Webster D. Tibbetts, Selectman	100.00
Edgar C. McClellan, Selectman	125.00
Flora Matthews, Auditor	22.00
Zelma G. Watts, Auditor	22.00
Total	764.70
Town Officers' Expenses:	
Ileene Matthews, Auto Permits	43.50
Ileene Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer	16.69
Edgar C. McClellan, Selectman	10.45
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector	22.23
F. J. Shores, Recording, Search & Transfers	37.08
Frederick I. Taylor, Selectmen	50.91
N. H. Town Clerks' Asso. Dues	2.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies	19.22
John C. Ray, Insurance	62.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Asso., Dues	3.00
Sargent Brothers, Tax Bills	11.35
Asso. N. H. Assessors. Dues	3.00
The Colby Press. 1951 and 1952 Town Reports	210.00
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide, Auto Guide	7.00
Total	498.43
Election and Registration:	
Edythe Newton, Supervisor	9.00
Ernest E. Matthews, Supervisor	13.00
Lillian Colby, Supervisor	13.00
Annie M. Esty, Ballot Clerk	7.00
Flora Mathews, Ballot Clerk	7.00
Total	49.00

Spectacle Pond—Improvement:

Ernest E. Matthews, Labor	$	45.00
Edgar C. Mc Lellan, Labor		65.00
Perley Matthews, Labor		51.00
Ernest E. Matthews, Labor		56.00
Perley Matthews, Truck		16.00
Perley Matthews, Sand		5.00
Edgar C. Mc Clellan, Gas and Oil		19.53
John Wood, Loader		16.00
Chase Grain Mill, Building supplies		13.57
Roy Woodward, Sand		10.90
Perley Matthews, Cement		2.00
Total	$	300.00

Miscellaneous:

School District, 1953-4 Appropriation	6,486.38
Flora Matthews Treas. '53 Library Appro.	450.00
Ileene Matthews, Vital Statistics	1.50
Edgar C. Mc Clellan, Bounties	58.25
Perley Matthews, Wood for Town House	10.00
State of N. H., Old Age Assistance	829.79
Barnard's Garage, Truck Repairs	484.43
State of N. H., Head Taxes	405.05
Lewis Albert, Police	15.00
Ernest E. Matthews, Roofing Tractor House	8.00
Edgar C. Mc Clellan, Paper Tractor House	21.50
Lawrence M. Colby, Treas., County Tax '53	972.63
Carroll Matthews, Mowing Town House Yard	10.00
Annie M. Esty, Taxes bought by Town	408.84
Barnney Fire Dept., Fire at LaTullippe Camp	33.50
William Messick, State Forester, Blister Rust	200.00
Foster Brothers, Gas	3.10

Ernest E. Matthews, TRA. Labor	39.60
Edgar C. Mc Lellan, TRA. Gas	11.48
N. H. Electric, Town House Electricity	24.00
Forestry & Recreation Commission	
Shovels for Fire Department	11.40
Edgar C. Mc Clellan, Janitor	10.00
Ernest E. Matthews, Fire Department	36.10
Frederick I. Taylor, Health Officer	2 00
State of New Hampshire., TRA	194.97
Eliza M. Haines, Refund of 1952 Property Tax	16.00
Ernest E. Matthews, Wood for Town House	2.30
J. E. Faltin Motor Transport,, Express	1.95
R. C. Hazelton Co., Plow Shoes & Wing Bolts	50.50
Total	$ 10,844.27

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1953

Debits

Taxes Committed o Collector:	
Property Taxes	$ 12,494.85
Poll Taxes	110.00
Total Warrant	12,604.85
Yield Tax	554.56
Poll Tax	2.00
Interest	.05
Total Debits	13,161.46

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	10,461.20
Poll Taxes	60.00
Yield Taxes	379.20
Interest	.05
Discount	281.95

Uncollected Taxes:	
Abatement (Poll Tax)	2.00
Property Taxes	1,751.70
Yield Taxes	175.36
Poll Taxes	50.00
Total Credits	13,161.46

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1952

Debits

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1953	
Property Taxes	1,353.00
Poll Taxes	26.00
Yield Taxes	218.81
Interest	57.25
Total Debits	1,655.06
Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	1,351.35
Poll Taxes	24.00
Interest	57.25
Yield Taxes	186.21
Abatement (Yield Tax)	32.60
Uncollected Taxes:	
Property Taxes	1.65
Poll Tax	2.00
Total Credits	1,655.06

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1951

Debits

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1953	
Property Taxes	1.50
Total Debits	1.50

Credits

Uncollected Taxes	1.50
Total Credits	1.50

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1946

Debits

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1953	
Property Taxes	4.80
Interest	1.92
Total Debits	6.72

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	6.72
Total Credits	6.72
Uncollected Taxes of Previous Years:	
Property Taxes	5.84
Poll Taxes	6.00
Total	11.84

State Head Tax

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1953

Debits

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Original Warrant	$ 330.00
Added Tax	5.00
Total Debits	335.00

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:	$ 185.00
Abatements	20.00
Uncollected	130.00
Total Credits	335.00

State Head Tax

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1952

Debits

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1953:	105.00
Added Tax	5.00
Penalties	10.00
Total Debits	120.00

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer	102.00
Penalties	10.00
Abatement	5.00
Uncollected	3.00
Total Credits	120.00

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts December 31, 1953

Debits

	Tax Sale Account of Levy of:		
	1952	1951	1950
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes January 1, 1954	$ 477.44		
Balance of Uuredeemed Taxes January 1, 1953		335.20	157.30
Interest Collected	.17	5.39	24.18
Cost of Redemption	.90		.80
Total Debits	478.51	340.59	182.28

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer	20.75	87.10	182.28
Unredeemed Taxes	457.76	253.49	
Total Credits	478.51	340.59	182.28

ANNIE M. ESTY,
Collector of Taxes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Annie M. Esty, Collector:	
1946 Property Tax	$ 4.80
1946 Interest	1.92
1952 Property Tax	970.12
1952 Polls	26.00
1952 Yield Tax	179.28
1952 Interest	36.57
1952 Head Taxes	111.00
Penalties	9.00
1953 Polls	60.00
1953 Property Tax	10,461.20
1953 Yield Tax	379.20
1953 Head Tax	175.00
1953 Interest	.05
Taxes Redeemed	290.13
Taxes Bought by Town	388.16
Interest	20.68
State of New Hampshire:	
Plowing Roads	386.00
Reimbursement a/c Tax loss, forest lands	35.88
Reimbursement a/c Tax yield loss	851.93
State share of forset fire prevention	16.89
Savings Bank Tax	9.04
Rental of truck and driver	89.10
Reimbursement on White Pine Blister	167.00
Wm. and W. B. Wadsworth, sale of land	166.00
Trippensee, Sanborn & McConnell sale, land	1,717.50
Theresa Tarr, sale of land	200.00
Malcolm A. Leavitt, sale of land	100.00
O. J. Correning, sale of mining rights (Davis and Plume)	500.00

John C. Ray, refund on overcharge		8.50
Town Clerk:		
Auto Permit Fees		452.62
Dog Tax		59.40
		17,872.97
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1953		9,514.65
Total	$	27,389.62

Payments

Selectmen's orders paid		16,044.41
Balance	$	11,343.21

Respectfully submitted,
ILEENE A. MATTHEWS
Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Receipts from Auto Permits

Auto Permit Fees Collected		$	452.62

Received from Dog Licenses

Dog Taxes Collected	65.00	
Less Clerk's Fees	5.60	
		59.40
Paid to the Treasurer		512.02

Respectfully Submitted
ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,
Town Clerk

No fires were reported for the year 1953

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

North End Roads:

Labor:	
Lucien M. Parris,	296.10
Lucien J. Parris.	85.00
Brian Parris	55.00
C. H. Tarr	34.00
Marshall Ryea	54.00
Ernest Carter	10.00
Carl Bowles	52.00
Perley Matthews,	9.00
Ernest E. Matthews Jr.	9.00
Orville Matthews	9.00
Norris Smith	9.00
Fred Waldron	36 00
Lawrence Bowles	52.00
Ted Comeau	16.00
David Tibbetts	5.00
Ernest E. Matthews	16.00
Lucien M. Parris, Truck	109.00
Ernest Carter, Truck	20.00
Perley Matthews, Truck	13 50
Lucien Parris, Team	129.00
C. H. Tarr, Team	32.00
Carl Bowles, Team	16.50
John Foster, Shovel	24.00
Carl Bowles, Gravel	2.40
Edgar C. Mc Lellan, Gas and Oil	6.16
C. C. Reed, Gravel	5.60
Foster Bros., Supplies	1.65

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

South End Roads:

Ernest E. Matthews,	$	260.00
Walter Stevens, Labor		3.00
Edgar C. McClellan, Labor		60.00
Ernest E. Matthews Jr., Labor		145.60
Norris Smith, Labor		178.80
Perley D. Matthews, Labor		24.00
Carroll Matthews, Labor		8.00
Harold Matthews, Team		29.00
Edgar C. McClellan, Gas & Oil		57.73
Perley D. Matthews, Sand & Gravel		41.10
Perley D. Matthews, Truck		50.00
Tilton Sand & Gravel, Cold Patch		92.58
Chase Grain Mill, Calcium Chloride		16 50
John Wood, Loader		58.00
Total	$	1,024.31

Snow Removal

Ernest E. Matthews, Labor	$	602.80
Perley D. Matthews, Labor		302.60
Edgar C. McClellan, Labor		18.00
Norris Smith, Labor		11.00
Lewis Albert, Labor		59.00
Ernest E. Matthews, Jr., Labor		64.90
Edgar C. McClellan, Gas & Oil		219.86
New Hampshire Explosives, Dynamite		28.45
Director of Internal Revenue, Withholding		42 30
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Salt		46.80
Alpheus Woodward, Shovel		18.00
Roy Woodward, Sand		23.20
H. J. Follansbee, Shovels		6.20
Arthur Brown, Use of Car		1.00
Jones Auto Co., Gaskets		.68
Shortt's Garage, Wrecker		12.00
Total	$	1,456.79

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, FISCAL YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1953

NAME OF TRUST FUND PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance on hand at end of Year
George W. Hall Fund	Dep. Plymouth Savings Bank	$ 26.00	2%	29.11	1.97	6.00	25.08
George W. Hall	U. S. Savings Bond F Series	74.00					
Care of Hall lot in Union Cem'ty.							
Cyrus Blood Fund	Dep. Plymouth Savings Bank	13.00	2%	12.77	.96		13.73
Cyrus Blood	U. S. Savings Bond F Series	37.00					
Care of lot in Rolfe Hill Cemetery							
Town of Groton Fund for Post War Project	Dep. Plymouth Savings Bank	485.27	2%	101.11	22.16		123.27
	Totals $	635.27		142.99	25.09	6.00	162.08

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. Edgar C. McClellan, Acting in absence of Frederick I. Taylor, Trustee. Jan. 27,1954

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books owned January 1, 1953	1951
Books bought by Town	13
Books added by gifts	49
State reports, etc.	10

Services

Volumns of fiction lent	232
Volumns of non-fiction lent	115
Volumns of juvenile fiction lent	277
Total circulation	624
Regular borrowers	17
New borrowers	9
School children	10

Librarian's Cash Statement

Received from fines	$ 2.63
Received from gifts (Miss Warner)	10.00
Received from gift	.19
Butternuts soln	.60
	$ 13.42

Expenditures

Mucilege	.25
Checks and postage	.26
Books	10.00
	$ 10.51
Amount in hands of Librarian January 1, 1954	2.91

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

Receipts

From Selectmen, current appropriattion	$ 4,799.00
From Selectmen. special appropriation	1,800.00
Total Receipts	6,599.00
Cash on hand as of June 30, 1952	174.10
Grand Total	$ 6.773.10

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Jan. 1,	Cash on Hand	$ 15.01
May 5,	Selectmen	250.00
Dec. 31,	Selectmen	200.00
Total		465.00

Payments

March 20,	Gaylord, Cards	$ 3.40
June 9,	Merrimack Grain Co., Roofing	102.60
July 2,	N. H. Cooperative, Lights	24.00
July 2,	Floyd Colby Jr., Fitting wood	3.20
July 3,	Flora Matthews, Lock repairs, postage	6.20
July 21,	Readers' Digest, Books	4.00
July 21,	Personal Book Shop, Books	2.57
July 21,	Carroll Matthews, Janitor	7.50
Aug. 14	Floyd H. Colby Sr., Putting on roofing	10.00
Aug. 14,	Ernest E. Matthews Jr., " " "	10.00
Oct. 5,	Insurance	6.51
Ort. 12,	John Matthews, Wood	20.00
Oct. 24,	Floyd Colby Jr., Putting wood in shed	3.00
Dec. 31,	Agnes A. Lane, Salary	86.00
Dec. 31,	Personal Book Shop, Books	16 30
Dec. 31,	Charles R. Matthews, Janitor	7.50
Total		312.78
Balance		$ 152.23
		$ 465.01

OFFICIAL REPORTS

School District of Groton

Year Ending June 30, 1953

School District of Groton

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

District Officers

Mrs. Agnes A. Lane ..... Moderator
Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews ..... Treasurer
Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews ..... Clerk
Mrs. Zelma Watts ..... Auditor

SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Annie Esty ..... Term expires 1954
Mrs. Flora Matthews .... Term expires 1955
Miss Mabel Brown .... Term Expires 1956

Teacher

Mrs. Ida Sirrine

Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

School Nurse

Mrs. Anna Lovett, R. N.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Groton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the ninth day of March 1954, at one o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District as determined by the School Board in its annual report.

9. To see if the district will authorize the school board to use the proceeds from the sale of the North Groton School House made during the year of 1953-54 of $465.00 for securing an adequate water supply, the installation of a water system inlcuding flush toilets, and other necessary repairs incidental thereto in the South Groton School.

10. To see if the district wi'l vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $500.00 in addition to the proceeds from the sale of the North Groton School to secure an adequate water supply, to install running water and flush toilets in the South Groton School, and to make other necessary changes relating thereto.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Groton this 10th day of February 1954.

ANNIE M. ESTY, FLORA MATTHEWS

MABEL BROWN, School Board of Groton

FINANCIAL REPORT
OF
SCHOOL TREASURER

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953

Summary

Cash on hand, June 30, 1952	$ 174.10
Received from Selectmen current appro.	4,799.00
Received from Selectmen, Spec. appropriation	1,800.00
Total Receipts	6,599.00
Total Amount Available for fiscal year	6,773.10
Less School Board orders paid	4,971.37
Balance on hand, June 30, 1953	1,801.73

Ileene A. Matthews, Treasurer

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE

1954-55

Estimated Balance	$ 300.00
Total Other Than Property Taxes	300.00
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	5,366.46
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	$ 5,666.46

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all State Aided Districts.)

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Groton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year

Zelma Watts, Auditor

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

From Selectmen, current appropriation	$	4,799.00
From Selectmen, special appropriation		1,800.00
Total Receipts		6,599.00
Cash on hand as of June 30, 1952		174.10
GRAND TOTAL	$	6,773.10

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Salaries of District Officers:

Flora Matthews, school board	$	30.00
Annie Esty, school board		35.00
Yvonne Stevens, school board		30.00
Zelma Watts, auditor		4.00
Ileene Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer		30.00
Agnes Lane, Moderator		4.40
		133.40

Superintendent's Salary:

Supervisory Union No. 4	134.85

Per Capita Tax:

State Treasurer	32.00

Expenses of Administration:

Yvonne Stevens, expenses	5.17
Supervisory Union No. 4, clerk & office exp.	69.61
Upton, Sanders & Upton, legal advice	1.00
Annie Esty, expenses	6.47
First National Bank, service charge	1.97
Flora Fatthews, expenses	31.10
The Record Print, notices	3.25
Mabel Brown, expenses	2.93
The Enterprise Press, notices	1.50
Ileene Matthews, expenses	.12
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies	1.66
	129.18

Teacher's Salary:

Ida Sirrine, salary,	1,661.60
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	177.97
Director of Internal Revenue	203.03
	2,042.60

Textbooks:

Martin & Murray Co.	14.35
Houghton & Mifflin Co.	2.32
	16.67

Scholars' Supplies:

Henry S. Wolkins	4 89
Milton Bradley Co.	6.75
The Continental Press	8.88
Ginn & Co.	2.04
Bristol School District	2.00
J. L. Hammett Co.	1.05
Row, Peterson & Co.	2.26
Scott, Foresman & Co.	1.96
American Book Co.	.97
	30.80

Other Expenses of Instruction:	
Milton Bradley Company	4.71
White River Paper Co.	5.42
	10.13
Janitor Service:	
Ida Sirrine	25.00
Fuel:	
Charles A. Carr Co.	167.22
Water, Light and Janitor Supplies:	
Milton Bradley Co.	36.30
Yvonne Stevens	.22
George W. Tucker	.88
N. H. Electric Co-Operative, Inc.	29.23
Masury Young Co.	12.15
	78.78
Minor Repairs and Expenses:	
Floyd Colby, cleaning toilets	7.00
Cynthia White, cleaning school	17.14
H. J. Follansbee Co., glass	1.49
Harold Watts, setting glass	4.50
	30.13
Medical Inspection:	
Anna Lovett, R. N.	60.00
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	4.90
	64.90
Transportation of Pupils:	
Frederick I. Taylor	900.00
High School Tuition:	
Plymouth School District	908.00

Elementary School Tuition:	
Dorchester School District	114.00
Other Special Activities:	
Flora Matthews, expenses of picnic	7.99
Edgar C McClellan, supplies for picnic	11.80
	19.79
Retirement:	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	122.15
Supervisory Union No. 4, supt's Retirement	6.77
	128.92
Insurance and Other Fixed Charges:	
John C. Ray, treasurer's bond	5.00
Total Expenditures	$ 4,971.37

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Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is a complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

ANNIE M. ESTY, FLORA MATTHEWS,
MABEL BROWN, School Board of Groton

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Enrollment by Grades

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
1952-53	1	2	1	1	1	3	0	3	12
1953-54									
Jan. 8	2	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	10

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1954-55

Open	Close
Sept. 8 (Wed.)	Dec. 22 (Wed.) 12:30
Jan. 3 (Mon.)	Feb. 18
Feb. 28	April 22
May 2	June 15 (Wed.)

Days Out: November 25, 26; May 30, 1 day for Plymouth Fair. Close 12:30 Nov. 24, December 22.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180, including 3 for institutes and conventions and up to five for workshops.

Pupils must enter the first grade if they are six by Sept. 30 and may enter if they are six by Jan. 1.

Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from Doctor.

District Totals

	Av. Att.	Av. Abs.	Av Memb.	%Att'd.
1952-53	10.74	.72	11.46	93.7
1953-54				
Jan. 8	10.41	.26	10.67	97.6

Tuition Pupils

Plymouth High School — **Rate $265**

Floyd Colby, Jr. ..... Grade 11
Robert C. Tibbetts ..... Grade 11
Theresa Latulippe ..... Grade 12
June White ..... Grade 12
Margaret Latulippe ..... Grade 9
Josephine White ..... Grade 9
Jeanette Wakefield (To November 9) .... Grade 9

Dorchester Elementary School — Rate $ 114

Norma Waldron ..... Grade 6

COMPARATIVE SCHOOL BUDGETS

EXPENDITURES	1953-1954 Budget	Estimated Expendit-ures for 1953-1954	Estimated Budget for 1954-1955
Administration:			
Salaries of District Officers	$ 135.00	135.00	135.00
Supt.s salary (local share)	143.64	143.64	109.14
Tax, State wide Supervision	36.00	36.00	34.00
Salaries of Adm. Personnel	53.20	53.20	52.32
Supplies and Expenses	65.00	100.00	100.00
Instruction:			
Teachers salary	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00
Books and Other Aids	40.00	20.00	40.00
Scholars Supplies	35.00	50.00	35.00
Supplies and Other Expenses	10.00	10.00	10.00
Operation of School Plant:			
Salary of janitor	25.00	25.00	25.00
Fuel or heat	200.00	200.00	200.00
Water, light and supplies	70.00	70.00	70.00
Maintainence School Plt.:			
Repairs and replacements	150.00	150.00	250.00
Auxiliary Activities:			
Health Supervision	60.00	65.00	65.00
Transportation	1150.00	1020.00	875.00
Tuition, High	1750.00	1599.00	1160.00
Tuition, Elementary	120.00	114.00	114.00
Special Activities	35.00	35.00	35.00
Fixed Charges:			
Teachers Retirement	130.00	155.00	152.00
Insurance, bonds, etc.	78.54	85.00	5.00
CONTINGENCY FUND	200.00		200.00
Total Expenditures	**6486.38**	**6065.84**	**5666.46**

SUPERVISORY UNION No. 4 BUDGET

1952-1953

District	$2 Per Capita to State	Supt's. Salary	Travel Expense	Office	Convention	Clerk	Nurse	Total to Union
Alexandria	152.00	197.84	58.80	22.13	5.88	97.36	152.50	534.51
Bridgewater	68.00	217.75	65.00	24.37	6.50	107.25	168.75	589.62
Bristol	566.00	1242.85	371.00	139.12	37.10	612.25	956.25	3358.47
Canaan	600.00	901.05	269.10	100.88	26.91	443.85	691.25	2433.04
Danbury	226.00	259.43	77.70	29.07	7.77	127.87	200.00	701.84
Grafton	198.00	252.82	75.60	28.31	7.56	124.58	196.25	685.12
Groton	32.00	104.15	30.70	11.62	3.07	51.15	*	200.69
Hebron	32.00	142.18	42.70	15.94	4.27	70.13	111.25	386.47
Orange	40.00	31.93	9.40	3.56	.94	15.66	23.75	85.24
Totals	$ 1914.00	3350.00	1000.00	375.00	100.00	1650.00	2500.00	8975.00
Paid by State		2275.00						

* Different Nurse

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Several significant changes in educational law were made by the last legislature. The amount of state aid was increased from $600,000 to 900,000 with the result that Danbury's increased from $3759 to $6795 and Canaan's from $6958 to $12,390. The two variables besides the total amount available which affect the amount received are the number of resident pupils in attendance and the adjusted valuations as set by the Tax Commission. A decrease in pupils and a boost in adjusted valuations ruins a district's chances of receiving aid. On this basis Bristol is $25,000 away. Grafton with a loss in pupils from around 85 to 46 likewise becomes ineligible. Once again we make a plea for state aid in sufficient amounts so that those now receiving it may get more, and so that all districts may get some. Aid should be large enough to reduce the local tax assessment where needed and at the same time improve the educational plants and offerings to our pupils. Several millions of dollars are necessary to do these two things. The writer believes that such monies will come only from new sources of revenue, such as a sales tax, and would like to see a tax pegged for state aid including definite amounts for buildings for those districts too poor to provide for themselves. We should not be totally dependant on taxes from tobacco, liquor, and the race track. The economic and social welfare of New Hampshire will be no better than the thinking of the products of its schools.

A new law now requires that all of the $2 00 per capita tax be spent for supervision. Under this all unions receive $2500 from the state, ours gets $2750 and some unions more than this. Five assistant super-

intendents are permitted, and helping teachers may be established. This particular union has been under study as one which could well stand relief but there will be no change for 1954-55. Accordingly this will remain one of the two unions with nine districts sharing this doubtful honor with the Lisbon Union. All others have less down to the point where the cities and larger towns may have a superintendent by themselves or a superintendent and an assistant. In our union many evening meetings are necessary and supervision is not as it could be. No job can justify the sacrifice of the physical and mental health of its holder. There are limits to the efficient use of time and energy; eventually neither exists for practical accomplishments. Obviously nine districts can not receive the benefit from anyone that 5, 6 or even 7 can.

Two new age requirements are passed. All pupils must attend school if 6 by September 30 and must remain in school in a district maintaining a high school until 16. These changes aggravate certain problems at both ends of the scale. An extension beyond the age of 16 may well be a reality someday. Programs of study will change to meet an enlargement of an old problem, how and what to teach the non-academic pupil. A question is also raised as to the moral obligation to transport pupils to high school if the law requires their attendance. It is not inconcievable that some legislature in the near future will require this transportation and probably will not supply the funds to do so.

Subversive Teaching. Increasingly important will be the three sided problem of Freedom to Teach versus communism versus communist smear tactics. This has been an issue nationally for some time but it is now filtering down to the local level. We must guard

against hypocritical smear atacks against school people using the communist threat as a means to obtain other ulterior and insidious ends. By this we mean things such as charging a teacher with being a communist, or teaching communism, just because we do not like the teacher for any one of a hundred reasons. To do so is using the tactics of the commnuists themselves.

There is not much new either as to the aims or methods of the communists. In fact communist beliefs and practices have been well documented for nearly 100 years. If no one is allowed to study and to learn about these fiendish things it will be another hundred years before the average person knows much about them. The communists do not need that long to undermine America if it remains with its head in the sands. Teachers must be allowed to teach: 1) the facts, 2) how to find the facts. Any supercritical person can find passages in any book that can be distorted and warped: a distorted and warped person can find millions of them. Our youngsters will keep as good a balance as we adults show; we can expect no more even though we may have hopes. Let's keep a sensible and sane balance about these things and remember the Bill of Rights, the struggle to obtain it and the basic reason for its adoption.

Teachers' Salaries. The 1953 Maine Legislature passed a required salary schedule beginning with $2400 and ending at $3600 for those with a Master's degree. This is a rather remarkable piece of legislation for a conservative New England Legislature to pass. There was a time when Maine was a fertile hunting ground for N. H. superintendants searching

for teachers. Of course Maine has a much more liberal state aid law and hence can withhold aid from any district not complying with this schedule. The following facts are taken from the School Executive. The average factory wage has increased more than 300% since 1939. National income is up 400% while teachers salaries are up 220%. Teachers' salaries would have to be increased $1000 for the average teacher to show increases comparable to those of the factory worker. Except for local married teachers (some of who commmute) our schools would not be open. How many districts grant sick leave, leave for death in the family, accident and health insurance etc? These are some of the "fringe benefits" which help to ease low salaries, and are provided by many industries.

Once again the voters of Groton are being asked to take definite steps toward installing flush toilets in the school. This will involve a permanent supply of water piped to the building, the necessary plumbing, and changes in the heating system to prevent freezing. We hope you will vote favorably for these benefits. With changes in lighting and painting plus a little money regularly for ordinary maintenance this building would be in fine condition.

C. MAURICE GRAY

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

In Franklin, N. H., May 13, 1953, to Carroll D. and Verna M. Matthews, of Groton, N. H., a son, Joseph Henry.

In Franklin, N. H., December 3, 1953, to Lewis J. and Helen L. Albert, of Groton, N. H., a son, David Joseph.

DEATHS

In Franklin, N. H.,January 5, 1953, Frederick William Taylor, of Groton, N. H.. aged 81 years, 1 month, 22 days.

I hereby certify that the above records are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

Town Clerk